

In the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 17. An Annotated Sheet showing the changes is attached along with a Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants respectfully request acknowledgement of consideration of the IDS filed on August 27, 2008.

Figure 17 has been amended as required.

Claims 1-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 and §112, second paragraph. Independent claim 1 has been amended in a readily apparent manner to overcome these rejections. Withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-5 stand rejected 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teng et al. in view of Manganaris et al. (US 2002/0082886). Claim 2 has been canceled and its features incorporated in claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable in view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of the subject matter of claim 2. Claims 3-5 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reason, and because of the additional features that they recite.


For the foregoing reasons, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should contact the undersigned attorney, if an interview would expedite prosecution.

If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely, it is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R.
§§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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